

*Mary Johnson*  
(proper name *Mary McQuade*)

POLICE NUMBER 200 <sup>1</sup>	LITERACY neither read nor write
TRIAL DATE 9 November 1840	AGE ON EMBARKATION 23
TRIAL PLACE Lancaster (Wigan) Quarter Sessions	AGE ON ARRIVAL 23
OFFENCE stealing money, £20, from the person	HEIGHT 5' 5¼"
SENTENCE 10 years	COMPLEXION fresh
GAOL REPORT not known, married	HEAD oval
PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS none	HAIR brown
SURGEON'S REPORT quiet	VISAGE long, sharp
ON THE TOWN no	FOREHEAD flat
MARITAL STATUS single, <sup>2</sup> 'I lived with Mr Jordan 6 months'	EYEBROWS brown
CHILDREN 0	EYES light grey
FAMILY	NOSE straight
NATIVE PLACE County Tyrone, Ireland	MOUTH wide
TRADE ON EMBARKATION	CHIN round
TRADE ON ARRIVAL house servant	MARKS freckled, small scar over right eye

c1818                      **Born** in Country Tyrone, Ireland.<sup>3</sup>

9 November 1840        Tried at Lancaster Quarter Sessions, Wigan, Lancashire, England indicted for larceny from the person in stealing £20 from the person; sentence 10 years transportation.<sup>4</sup>

5 April 1841            Departed Woolwich, England on the *Rajah*.<sup>5</sup>

19 July 1841            Arrived at Hobart on the *Rajah*.<sup>5</sup>

c24 July 1841            Upon arrival at Hobart, sent to Launceston for assignment.<sup>6</sup>

31 December 1841      In service to Mr R Marlow, Launceston.<sup>7</sup>

28 June 1842            This woman is now in a state of pregnancy vide return of the Assistant Superintendent of Convicts, Launceston.<sup>4</sup>

12 August 1842<sup>8</sup>        **Son** (unnamed) Johnson, illegitimate, born<sup>9</sup> at Launceston Female Factory; mother Mary Johnson; informant Robert Pearson, Superintendent, Female House of Correction.<sup>10</sup>

                                  Charged at Launceston Female Factory with misconduct; sentence 6 months probation in the Crime Class at Launceston Female Factory, to commence when her child is weaned.<sup>4</sup>

27 February 1844        Classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> class probation pass-holder; gazetted 1 March.<sup>11</sup>

7 August 1844            Hired in private service as a probation pass-holder to M Kerr, Cottage Green, Hobart.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.162 No.200 [image 136] (Mary Johnson); TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.219 [image 113] (Mary Johnson); ML, CY 1282 p.150 (Mary Johnson proper name McQuaid); ML, CY 1197 p.154 (Mary Johnson alias McQuade); ML, CY 958 p.442 (Mary Johnson alias Mary McQuade)

<sup>2</sup> Marital status given as married on Embarkation List (ML, CY 1197 p.154 (Mary Johnson alias McQuade)).

<sup>3</sup> TAHO, CON19/1/1 p.219 [image 113] (Mary Johnson)

<sup>4</sup> TAHO, CON40/1/6 p.162 No.200 [image 136] (Mary Johnson)

<sup>5</sup> AJCP, ADM 101/63 *Rajah*

<sup>6</sup> ML, CY 1282 p.142 (Mary Johnson); ML, CY 1274 p.259 (Mary Johnson proper name McQuaid)

<sup>7</sup> AJCP, HO 10/51 p.373 No.200 (Mary Johnson)

<sup>8</sup> On a subsequent registration the date of birth was given as 2 August 1843, probably erroneously.

<sup>9</sup> This child was born 2 days after the son of shipmate Sarah Morris (*qv*) was born at Launceston Female Factory.

<sup>10</sup> TAHO, RGD33/1/23 1842/1091 Launceston (male Johnson); TAHO, RGD33/1/23 1843/1597 Launceston (male Johnson)

<sup>11</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 1 March 1844 p.265 (Mary Johnson)

<sup>12</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 16 August 1844 p.972 (Mary Johnson)

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24 October 1844	Hired in private service for 1 month as a probation pass-holder to John Barton, Hobart. <sup>13</sup>
16 November 1844	Hired in private service for 1 month as a probation pass-holder to John Barton, Liverpool Street, Hobart, transferred to Thomas Wilkinson, New Town Road, Hobart. <sup>14</sup>
30 November 1844	Ticket of Leave granted; gazetted 3 December. <sup>15</sup>
4 March 1846 <sup>16</sup>	Application for permission to marry William Hallington (free) sent to the Secretary; approved. <sup>17</sup>
7 March 1846	Notice given of approval for permission to marry <sup>18</sup> William Hallington; Mary holding a Ticket of Leave, resident of Launceston; William free, resident of Launceston. <sup>19</sup>
3 April 1846	Recommended to the Queen for a Conditional Pardon available within the limits of the Australian Colonies and New Zealand; gazetted 7 April. <sup>20</sup>
18 September 1847	Conditional Pardon approved; gazetted 21 September. <sup>21</sup>
27 October 1847	Charged at the Police Court, Launceston on complaint of Constable Durham with being drunk on 26 October; plea guilty; verdict guilty; fined 5 shillings. <sup>22</sup>
15 November 1847	Departed Launceston for Port Phillip as a cabin passenger on the <i>Raven</i> ; ship to colony <i>Rajah</i> . <sup>23</sup>
9 November 1850	Free by servitude. <sup>4</sup>

### Notes

- Mary may be the Mary Johnson and child who arrived as passengers on the *Swan* at Launceston from Port Phillip, VIC on 20 August 1849.<sup>24</sup>
- Mary may be the Mary Johnson who died of a ruptured blood vessel in a tent at Maryborough, VIC in 1859; aged 35, birthplace unknown, father unknown.<sup>25</sup> This Mary Johnson had a young daughter; no husband is mentioned at the inquest which was held on 22 January 1859 at Maryborough before Francis Marchant Laidman, coroner.  
Verdict: died through a blood vessel bursting in the right lung.<sup>26</sup>

Statement of witness Sarah Larener, illiterate:

*This Deponent Sarah Larener on her oath saith as follows I am the wife of Charles Larener and reside at Maryborough a little girl daughter of the deceased came to me this morning about eleven o'clock and asked me to go and see her mother. I went to the deceased's tent and saw deceased throwing up blood from her nose and mouth. She spoke to me and asked for some vinegar and water and told me to go for her Doctor she was dying. I went to a neighbours tent that was close by and asked the occupant Mrs Mason to go up to the deceaseds tent whilst I went for a doctor. Mrs Mason did not like to go to the deceaseds tent alone so she sent her daughter for the Doctor and went up to the deceased with me. When we got there the deceased was dead. I was not away from the deceased five minutes before I returned. I have known the deceased five months she has complained of being ill and I thought that she was in a consumption.<sup>26</sup>*

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<sup>13</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 12 November 1844 p.1426 (Mary Johnson)

<sup>14</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 3 December 1844 p.1477 (Mary Johnson)

<sup>15</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 3 December 1844 p.1479 (Mary Johnstone)

<sup>16</sup> Year given as 1845 on Permission to Marry index.

<sup>17</sup> TAHO, CON52/1/2 p.375 (Mary Johnson & Wm Hallington)

<sup>18</sup> No record of a marriage to William Hallington has been found.

<sup>19</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 10 March 1846 p.224; 17 March 1846 p.243; 24 March 1846 p.268 (William Hallington & Mary Johnson)

<sup>20</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 7 April 1846 p.314 (Mary Johnstone)

<sup>21</sup> *Hobart Town Gazette*, 21 September 1847 p.938 (Mary Johnson)

<sup>22</sup> TAHO, LC346/1/9, 27 October 1847 (Mary Johnson)

<sup>23</sup> TAHO, POL459/1/2 p.116 (Mary Johnson)

<sup>24</sup> *Cornwall Chronicle*, 22 August 1849 p.809 (Mary Johnson)

<sup>25</sup> VIC Death Certificate 1859/2784 (Mary Johnson); PROV, Inquest 1859/16 (Mary Johnson)

<sup>26</sup> PROV, VPRS 24 1859/16 (Mary Johnson)

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Statement of witness Caroline Mason, illiterate:

*This Deponent Caroline Mason on her oath saith as follows I am the wife of Thomas Mason and live at Maryborough. This morning about eleven o'clock the last witness came to me and asked me to go up to the deceased's tent. She said she thought the deceased was dying. I went up and found the deceased lying dead under the bed. I saw a lot of blood in a dish that was in the tent – also some on the nose and mouth of the deceased. I have known deceased seven months she has complained to me of throwing up blood.<sup>26</sup>*